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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner 

SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Jamestown

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Board will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve prioritized Major Projects and Fast Track Repairs. A chart summarizing Jamestown School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$6,835,711 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$2,392,499):

Jamestown:

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| i. | Melrose Elementary | \$ 2,694,109 |
| ii. | Lawn Middle | \$ 4,141,602 |

SUMMARY: FY 2018 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

JAMESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2018 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Repairs	This project will address repairs at Jamestown School District's Lawn and Melrose Schools, including high priority building improvements.	This project includes health and safety improvements - including site repairs, roof replacement and building envelope repairs, HVAC improvements, fire safety upgrades, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, ADA compliance improvements, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety. This project will also address educational program improvements.	35%	\$5,900,000 (Bond)	\$2,065,000	\$2,932,300
				\$935,711 (Capital Reserve)	\$327,499	\$327,499

* State share ratio is based on FY2018 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonus incentives.

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. Jamestown intends to pay for the projects out of both bond proceeds and capital reserve funds as detailed above.